

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an ink jet recording apparatus comprising a carriage for mounting a recording head for effecting recording by  
5 discharging recording ink and for moving the recording head, and recovery means for effecting a recovery operation with respect to the recording head, and wherein the recording apparatus is forwarded from a manufacturing factory in a condition that the  
10 recording head filled with transporting ink different from the recording ink is mounted on the carriage, and further wherein an on-arrival recovery mode executed by the recovery means upon first usage of the recording apparatus by the user differs from a  
15 normal recovery mode executed by the recovery means after the first usage.

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